

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT

August 2003

Summary

Revenue collections fell in August, decreasing by 1.5 percent. Most sources showed flat to slightly negative growth but a decline in motor vehicle license fees due to last August's receipt of delayed registrations resulted in a decline in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF). On a year-to-date basis, growth is down 1.8 percent.

September marks the beginning of the fall forecasting process. The Governor's Advisory Board of Economists will meet in October as the first step in assessing the strength of the Virginia economy over the next biennium.

Motor Fuels Tax (excluding PTF Fuels Tax Revenue)

Motor Fuels Tax collections grew by only 0.2 percent in August. Annual collections through the first two months of fiscal year 2004 are down 2.5 percent.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

The outlook for vehicle sales is for slightly stronger sales over the second half of 2003. Vehicle sales have been fueled by high affordability and pent-up business demand. Fleet sales are expected to increase sparked by the tax cut package that includes an incentive for small businesses allowing write-offs of up to \$100,000 on the purchase of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds. Collections in this source fell by 1.1 percent in August and are up 4.2 percent for the year.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the State Retail Sales Tax declined by 2.4 percent in August. Collections in this source are down 4.6 percent in fiscal year.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor Vehicle Registration transactions fell in August due to the receipt last August of some delayed registrations. Collections of \$13.7 million represent a more "typical" August. Motor vehicle license receipts are down 3.3 percent for the year.

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Summary Statement of Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2004 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	August			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2004	FY 2003	% Change	FY 2004	FY 2003	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$842,000	25.32	\$71,774	\$71,620	0.2	\$73,702	\$75,592	(2.5)	4.1
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.60	0	0	-	0	0	-	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	546,000	16.42	49,405	49,974	(1.1)	101,311	97,237	4.2	0.6
State Sales and Use Tax	398,000	11.97	34,026	34,862	(2.4)	48,588	50,932	(4.6)	5.9
Motor Vehicle License Fees	178,200	5.36	13,695	15,372	(10.9)	29,075	30,081	(3.3)	12.3
International Registration Plan	64,400	1.94	2,630	2,179	20.7	4,732	7,962	(40.6)	11.9
Interest Earnings	11,500	0.35	1	5	(80.0)	5	10	(50.0)	(21.4)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	24,000	0.72	1,634	1,711	(4.5)	3,471	3,829	(9.3)	3.3
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$2,084,100	62.68	\$173,165	\$175,723	(1.5)	\$260,884	\$265,643	(1.8)	4.1

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		As a %	August			Year-To-Date			% Annual
	FY 2004	of Total			%			%	Growth
Revenue	Estimate	Fund	FY 2004	FY 2003	Change	FY 2004	FY 2003	Change	Required
									By Est
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE									
AND OPERATING FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$718,900	21.62	\$62,037	\$61,356	1.1	\$62,131	\$62,950	(1.3)	4.4
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	350,800	10.55	31,373	31,988	(1.9)	64,631	62,077	4.1	0.8
Motor Vehicle License Fees	153,600	4.62	11,911	28,301	(57.9)	25,425	26,301	(3.3)	10.5
International Registration Plan	64,400	1.94	2,630	2,179	20.7	4,732	7,962	(40.6)	11.9
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	24,000	0.72	1,634	1,711	(4.5)	3,471	3,829	(9.3)	3.3
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,311,700	39.45	\$109,585	\$125,535	(12.7)	\$160,390	\$163,119	(1.7)	4.4
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$710	\$1,318	(46.1)	\$1,270	\$1,321	(3.9)	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation									
Trust Fund	\$20,200	0.61	\$0	\$25,000	(100.0)	\$20,177	\$72,271	(72.1)	(79.2)
Total Highway Maintenance and									
Operating Fund	\$1,331,900	40.06	\$110,295	\$151,853	(27.4)	\$181,837	\$236,711	(23.2)	(2.5)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes									
(Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$123,100	3.70	\$9,737	\$10,264	(5.1)	\$11,571	\$12,642	(8.5)	2.5
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.60	0	0	-	0	0	-	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax									
(Includes Rental Tax)	195,200	5.87	18,032	17,986	0.3	36,680	35,160	4.3	0.2
State Sales and Use Tax	398,000	11.97	34,026	34,862	(2.4)	48,588	50,932	(4.6)	5.9
Motor Vehicle License Fees	24,600	0.74	1,784	(12,929)	113.8	3,650	3,780	(3.4)	24.9
Interest Earnings	11,500	0.35	1	5	(80.0)	5	10	(50.0)	(21.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$772,400	23.23	\$63,580	\$50,188	26.7	\$100,494	\$102,524	(2.0)	3.7
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$1,068,800	32.14	\$53,494	\$52,488	1.9	\$108,445	\$147,488	(26.5)	57.6
Receipts from Cities/Counties	45,500	1.37	3,788	2,704	40.1	10,480	8,647	21.2	80.0
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	60,800	1.83	4,289	6,573	(34.7)	8,535	10,752	(20.6)	(3.2)
Miscellaneous Revenues	65,900	1.98	2,672	1,170	128.4	3,836	2,690	42.6	279.1
Total Other Revenues	\$1,241,000	37.32	\$64,243	\$62,935	2.1	\$131,296	\$169,577	(22.6)	58.3
Transfer (to) / from Highway									
Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$20,200)	(0.61)	\$0	(\$25,000)	100.0	(\$20,177)	(\$72,271)	72.1	79.2
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$1,993,200	59.94	\$127,823	\$88,123	45.1	\$211,613	\$199,830	5.9	39.2
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND									
OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION									
TRUST FUND	\$3,325,100	100.00	\$238,118	\$239,976	(0.8)	\$393,450	\$436,541	(9.9)	18.8

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